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E. REYNOLDS,

EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR,

Dec. 13th, 1873.

Select Poetry.

FAREWELL, OLD YEAR!

Farewell, Old Year!—when other friends depart,
Fond hope still lingers in the sad adieu,
And e'en in absence tells the sorrowing heart,
That after fare-the-well comes how-d'-ye do!

But thou, Old Year, art passing from my sight!
Thy cheerful days, thy happy hours are o'er;
To memory's dim domain they take their flight,
And from her shades they shall return no more.

The summer birds that with their truant wings
Cleave the far ether of a southern sky,
Anon return, by bowers and gushing springs,
To glad the wild woods with their melody.

But they return not-hours of bliss-swift stealing
Away, away, on pinions bright and pure,
E'en in their flight, the matchless joys revealing,
Too fair to last—too lovely to endure!

In vain, with beating hearts, and arms extended
We court their stay, and pray that they may last;
They glide away, too soon, with memories blended,
That crowd the precincts of the insatiate past,

Thus years roll by, and each and every one
Snatches some treasured happiness away;
Ah graceless heart! reflect—and are there none
That bear griefs with them on their backward way?

Neither shall these return to mar thy rest
If joys depart, so care's dark hours go by;
And time hath power to heal the bleeding breast,
To dry the falling tear, and hush the sigh.

Or if a sting remain, the honey dew
Of sweet remembrance shall allay the smart,
And soothe regrets, and kindle hope anew;
Blest antidote to care!—oh! thankless heart!

Yes! years roll on; yet wherefore send them forth
With records dark and sad to bear on high?
Oh! give them noble thoughts, and deeds of worth,
To swell the annals of eternity.

Select Story.

A BASKET OF FLOWERS.

It was a bitter night. The wind blew a hurricane, and brought the snow and sleet in showers against the plate glass windows that lighted a cozy drawing room in a grand house. It even penetrated thro' the heavy folds of damask and sent a shiver over the robust frame of an old man, who basked in his elegantly upholstered chair before a rosy sea coal fire.

He shrugged his shoulders, and rubbed his soft hands briskly together and said, half aloud:

"Ugh! what a night. It turns my blood to ice even in this warm room. What must it be out in the street?"

There came a sharp ring at the door-bell, just then he turned to know who was the intruder.

A servant entered, bearing a square parcel in her hand, which she quietly deposited on the table, saying, "for you, sir," and then left the old man alone.

"For me! Who on earth has opened their hearts wide enough to find a place for me?" said Adam Hartford, as he took up the package and untied it.

A square white box met his gaze, and with caution, which had always been one of the chief regulations of his being, he lifted the cover and peeped in.

"Well! well!"

A perfect bed of fragrant flowers, with the chips of the hot house yet upon their stems, lay nestling in an elegant basket.

Old Adam took it up daintily. What a wealth of tube roses, hyacinths, camelia buds, soft, creamy star flowers and lillies, lay there side by side!—Why, in all his wealth, he had nothing so fair or perfect as one of these buds. I wonder who sent them? Somebody who knows nothing of the value of money, I'll be bound. These trifles are almost worth their weight in gold at this season.

He could not suppress that thought. It was one that was ever first in his mind and had been ever since he earned his first five dollars. He had in early life denied himself of every luxury, and nearly every comfort in the world until he had earned enough to gratify himself to their indulgence, without seeing behind them the dreadful wolf named poverty. Now that he had grown immensely rich, he had filled his house with pictures and fine pieces of statuary, because other folks did, and because they look well. He carpeted his floors with soft carpets because they were comfortable; put down chairs in every corner, because they rested him, and eat the very best food to be obtained, because his appetite was poor and he could eat nothing else.

But buying flowers, giving a penny to any one in the wide world, doing anything but for his own comfort and ease, was something that never occurred to him.

Adam Hartford had spent his whole life in the accumulation of wealth, and now that he had grown old, all that he had to do was to take care of himself. But he could not help touching with very tender fingers, the delicate leaves of the flowers and thinking that his elegant house had never seen anything half so beautiful.

"Now who sent them? Ha! ha! ha! You don't expect that I have made a conquest?"

And he made the room ring with his hearty voice.

"Adam, are you getting handsome? Must be, or no lady (and surely it must have been a lady who sent these) would ever think of sending you a basket of flowers. Hallo! what is this?"

The tidy servant opened once more the door of the drawing-room, and this time she had a great bundle in her strong arms—a bundle of patched and faded calico—a pair of ragged shoes where the blue-pinched toes peeped plainly through, and a pale child face, with a great tangled curl of its golden hair falling back from the little colored handkerchief which served for a hood.

"Mr. Hartford! If you please, sir, I found this child just now at the door. I heard a voice, like some one trying to reach the bell, and when I opened the door this poor thing fell right across the step. I'm afraid she's dead."

The broad smile on Adam's face faded, and setting aside the basket of growing flowers, he came forward and looked into the child's face.

"Dead! No, I think not, Katy,—Lay her here on the sofa, and bring me a little wine and some warm flannels. She has fainted.

And for the first time in his life he opened his heart. Better let me say the flowers opened it a little way, and this poor, helpless child came before he had time to close it. At any rate he sat quietly down and took the frigid hand in his own, and rubbed it smartly, and when the wine came he took the spoon and forced a little of the liquid between her closed teeth. In ten minutes she was wide awake, her blue eyes taking in the warm fire, the rich, bright hued furnishing of the room, and even that mysterious basket of flowers on the table. She looked at Adam Hartford next, and then at Katy.

"Where is my mother?"

"Your mother, how do we know? We found you on our door step," said the old man.

"Oh, yes!" she looked very thoughtfully for a moment. "My mamma is very sick, in a cold room, and I was afraid she'd die. She fell asleep, and I happened to think of the man who owned our block. I heard the folks down stairs say that he was awful rich; and do you know I thought I'd find him, and tell him that mamma was dying because we didn't have anything to eat. I found out the street where he lived, and I think this is it. I was trying to reach the name on the door, and—"

"What is his name?"

"Adam Hartford."

"What do you want of Adam Hartford?"

"I told you my mamma was sick, you know."

"Yes, but he won't care."

The great tears flashed into her blue eyes.

"Oh, don't you think he will? What will I do without mamma?"

"Where is your father?"

"Dead."

The old, old story, that began with the fall, and—ah, when? Not yet; not until pride and selfishness go out together smothered by the fire and charity of love!

"What would you do if Adam Hartford should wrap you up in a warm shawl, and send you home with food, wood, lights, medicine and money to your sick mother?"

"Bless him! And mamma and I would pray for him all the days of our lives!"

Adam touched the bell, and when Katy answered it, said:

"Bring me a shawl, if you can find one, and then pack a basket with provisions. Tell Thomas to run around the corner for a coach—it is too stormy to take our horses out—and then put up a basket of kindling wood. I want you to go home with this child and make her comfortable. If you are afraid to go alone, take Thomas along. Don't look at me so child; I am Adam Hartford."

Would you believe me, the blessing on her lips was drowned in a flood of tears, and all she could do was to lay her wan cheek on the old man's hand and sob.

"There, there! never mind. Here is five dollars. That will last until to-morrow, and then I will come myself. Dear me what a dreadful night out."

Adam kept his word and made his visit and down in the little room, in one of his own houses, he found the mother of the little girl. A fair, daintily made woman she was, and a voice so soft, a manner as perfect as any he ever knew, and he came home as lonely as though he had nothing in the world and never expected anything more.

The basket of hot-house flowers, as fresh and perfect as when he first saw them, sat on the table, and he went and passed his hand over them.

"You're a queer set! If I hadn't seen you I shouldn't be so soft. Let me see; I'm only fifty years old, I cannot be in my dotage, and I'm not crazy. No. I'm going to get married, and I shall marry that poor woman with her beautiful face, and patient manner, if she will have me.—Wouldn't you?"

The flowers did not have time to reply, for Katy entered just then and brought with her a sweet young lady with sparkling eyes and very red cheeks, who said with a laugh:

"Oh, Mr. Hartford, have you really got those unfortunate flowers? How stupid of John to bring them to the wrong house."

"Why, bless me, Miss Kittie, didn't you send them to me?"

"Why, no; you see, Mr. Percy, next door—"

"Fred, you mean?"

"Well, Fred," with a blush. "He was injured a week ago while out driving, and he is lonely—and I sent the basket to—to help—that—that—is"

"Oh, yes; I understand. Fred is a very nice sort of a fellow. But, Kittie, I can't give up these flowers. Somehow they fell on my heart last night, and did me more good than a round dozen of sermons. You won't believe me, but I'm quite changed in heart. I cannot part with them, I must see the end of them. But I'll send Thomas and get you another basket, and I would advise you to take them yourself; John might make another mistake, and really, if he should not, I think it will do Fred more good to have you carry them."

"Miss Kittie waited till Thomas came with another basket, and then acted as Adam had advised.

Before the long winter nights ended—before the snow left the streets, and want left the door of the poor—there was that soft, sweet, womanly face on the other side of Adam's hearthstone; and he often held in his arms the same child who was brought in unto him half dead from the cold street.

And through the loving hand of these two, so strangely given unto him, the rich man's heart went out and fed the hungry, clothed the naked and lifted up the broken-hearted, and filled his own life with a happiness made up of their blessings and prayers.

What Came from Casting a Shoe.

The practice which prevails at weddings of throwing old shoes after the carriage which bears away the bride and bridegroom is no doubt, from its antiquity, deserving of veneration, but may be carried too far, and is at times not only inconvenient but dangerous. At a wedding which took place recently at Leamington, England, a serious accident occurred, and the lives of three persons were nearly sacrificed by the observance of this time-honored custom. It seems that as the bride and bridegroom were taking their departure after the wedding breakfast a volley of old shoes was discharged at them, with the addition of a quantity of rice. This evidence of kindly feeling, however appreciated by the newly-married couple, was unfortunately misunderstood by the horse attached to the vehicle in which they were seated, who showed his disapproval by bolting. The consequences were not such as can be said to have added to the happiness of the occasion. The driver was thrown from the box and the carriage passed over him. The carriage itself came in collision with a cab, was capsized and smashed to pieces. The bridegroom was pitched out of the window, received a severe scalp wound, and now lies in a precarious condition. The bride was of course terribly shaken, but happily escaped further injury.

A Southern paper, speaking of a man who was kicked by a horse, says: "His life was extinct for a short time, but recovered so that he reached home on Saturday evening."

Wit and Humor.

Something Like an Apology.

The editor of a Western paper once gave a notice of a ball, and happened incidentally to mention that the dancing of Major Heeler's better half was like "the cavorting of a fly-bitten cow in a field of cucumbers." The fact that the editor had not been invited to the ball may somewhat detract from the value of the simile, while at the same time it accounts for his establishing the figure. The major, accompanied by his better half and a six-shooter, called on the editor to complain of the poetical nature of the image. On learning that the lady was the one he had described, the editor besought her to raise her veil. She did so, saying:

"Now, sir, I expect you to apologize."

"Apologize! I should rather think I would," was the answer, as he seized his hat and rapidly left the room.

The astounded major rushed to the window: "Stop, you, Sir! you have not apologized!"

"All right! I'm going to do it in a minute!"

"What do you mean?" shouted the major, accentunting the note of interrogation with a pistol bullet.

The answer was wafted back from round the next corner—

"Can't you see I'm looking for that cow?"

Cut it Short.

A certain barber, having the great gift of gab, used to amuse his customers with his long yarns, while he went through his functions on their heads and faces. One day an old codger came in, took his seat, and ordered a shave and hair cut. The barber went to work, and began, at the same time, one of his long stories, to the no little dissatisfaction of the old gentleman, who, becoming irritated at the barber, said:

"Cut it short."

"Yes, sir," said the barber, continuing the yarn, until the old gentleman again ordered:

"Cut it short, I say—cut it short!"

"Yes, sir," cutting away and gabbing faster.

"Cut it short, I say!" reiterated the gent.

"Yes, sir," said the barber, going on with his story.

"Will you cut it short?" says the old gent, in a rage.

"Can't sir," says the barber, "for if you look in the glass, you'll see I've cut it all off."

And, to his horror, upon looking into the glass, he found his hair all cut from his head.

That clergyman out in Indianapolis, who, while preaching his sermon one Sunday evening, perceived a young man and young woman under the gallery in the act of of kissing each other behind a hymn-book, did not lose his temper. He did not fly into an unseemly rage, and call upon the sexton to rush up the aisle and disband the rioter. No! He remained calm. He beamed mildly at the offender over his spectacles, and when the young man kissed her the fifteenth time, he merely broke his sermon short off in the middle of "thirdly," and offered a fervent prayer in behalf of the "young man in the pink necktie, and the maiden in the blue bonnet and gray shawl, who were profaning the sanctuary by kissing one another in pew No. 68." And the congregation said "Amen." Then the woman suddenly pulled her veil down, and the young man sat there and swore softly to himself. He does not go to church as much now as he did.

An itinerant preacher being invited to hold forth in one of the early settlements of Virginia, took for his text the words, "Though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." He divided his text into three parts, thus: "First, The Skin-worms; second, What they done; and third, What the man seen after he was eaten up."

"Prisoner," said Squire Jones, in awarding judgment, "it is a maxim of the law that it is better to err on the side of mercy. The court has made up her mind which side she will err on, and nothing remains but to err on that side."

A bad habit to get into—A coat that's not paid for.

Slow Matches—Long engagements.

LETTERS
To the Boys and Girls of the Middletown Academy, Delaware.

BY REV. JOSEPH WILSON.

No. 4.—"HONOUR THY FATHER AND MOTHER."

In bringing the human race into being, two modes were before the mind of the Creator—either, to create each individual independent of all the rest, or to establish a connection of all with the first human pair and with one another. For wise and good reasons, God has persued the latter course.

When Adam was formed, God said—"It is not good for man to be alone," and therefore he formed woman from a portion of the man's body, that she might be the companion and helpmate of the man. Hence resulted the endearing relations of husband and wife and parents and children.

These relations are as durable as life, and so should be the mutual affection flowing therefrom. This relation of parent and offspring is the universal law regarding all animated beings on earth; but it is only in the human family that its nature and blessedness are fully exemplified.

From the relation of parent and child, two important duties necessarily result, which are clearly expressed and strongly enforced in the Word of God;—Namely: that parents should love their children and provide for their support and welfare; and that children should love, honour and obey their parents.

The fifth commandment of the Decalogue is—"Honour thy Father and Mother." The word *honour* in the law is happily chosen, for it necessarily includes both love and obedience, without which no true honour can be shown. Assuming it as true that you acknowledge it to be your duty to *honour* your parents, let me try to point out how you can perform that duty while persuing a course of study in the school or Academy or elsewhere.

If you reflect at all on the matter, a first inquiry would seem to be—"Why do my parents spend so much money on my education, and why are they so envious for my improvement? The proper answer to this would be—"Your parents love you and wish you to be well instructed, that you may be well qualified for an honorable, useful and happy life." Such being the fact regarding your parents' motive, does it not follow that you are bound to be diligent in your studies that your parents may be pleased and honored by your advancement in knowledge and virtue? Should you be inattentive and remiss in your studies and employ much of your time in teasing and hindering your class-mates, will you not necessarily become a dunce? and if so, will you not dishonor and greatly grieve your parents? The idle girl or boy in school, is a *robber* of father and mother; and the next thing you may expect to hear of such is that they have been guilty of taking money from a parent's purse to spend in some improper way on their own gratification. I would not willingly suspect this of any of those whom I now address; but having had considerable experience in teaching, I know that there are such inconsiderate youths, who dishonor their parents, are a grief and plague to their teachers, and who cannot be expected to be either honored, useful or happy in life.

The command and duty, to "honour Father and Mother" is applicable to a very great extent, to your *teachers* also. They occupy the place of parents in the work of instruction; and therefore should receive little less than parental honors from their pupils. To them parents have not only committed the work of instruction, but also authority to *chastise* offenders, as well as confer rewards on the studious and obedient.

In the school-room and in the direction of your studies, your teachers are your parents, and should be honored and obeyed as such.

A good teacher feels a great interest in the improvement of his pupils; and willingly labors hard to advance them in the path of knowledge. He therefore should receive all due honor, and as much encouragement in his arduous work from his pupils as they can give him by respectful treatment and persevering diligence in their studies.

A youth who wears the latest style of sleeve studs cannot be expected to bring up a scuttle of coal while his mother is around.

Some young chap thinks it is easy to enter an old man's house, because his gait is broken, and his locks are few.

Can Clothe Herself on $50 a Year.

A woman tells what she can do, as follows: Six pair of hose, at 30 cents, will cost $1.80. Two pair of boots, at $3.50, and a pair of rubbers, $1—$8. This, if preferred, might be changed into one pair of boots, one of shoes, and a pair of slippers. The rubbers must be had for wet weather. Next should be bought 8 yards of flannel at 3 shillings a yard, costing $3. This will make two pair of drawers and two under-vests. The Shaker flannel will be the best for these. Next, the underwear in cotton will require 40 yards of cotton, which may cost 15 cents a yard, and for which a very good quality can be purchased. This will make three chemises, 7½ yards; three pairs drawers, 6 yards; two night-gowns, 10 yards; two outside skirts, 10 yards, and two under-skirts, 6 yards. Next, for wet or cold weather, a gray flannel skirt, to be worn next to dress, requiring 3 yards of flannel, at 50 cents, will take $1.50 A heavy ready-made dress can be purchased for $5. We have seen one recently, made of waterproof, which seemed to be just the thing for constant wear in cold weather. Another dress for a change, or to be worn on Sundays, might also be bought for $5, or made up of alpaca at home, but would then possibly cost more, though 12 yards of alpaca, at 37 cents, would cost $4.50, leaving 50 cents for waist linings, facings, and buttons. Hardly enough, though it might be made to answer. The best plan would seem to be to buy the dress ready-made, of some reliable firm. Next, a cloak or sacque of cloth, at $6. These are frequently offered in very good material, and cut in a style corresponding with the customary mode. Two hats—the winter one costing $3 and that for summer $2. If one has a little taste in these matters, and can buy the materials and do her own millinery, she will be able to make this amount produce very satisfactory results. Next, a shawl, for which $1.50 to $2 may be paid, and which will be pretty in the spring. Two print-dresses at $3, and a Victoria lawn or muslin, 12 yards, at 20 cents—costing 2.40. We have now left from our $50 the amount of $2.80. A yard of linen, at 50 cents, will make collars and cuffs, which might be done at home; and 75 cents more will purchase worsted and crochet-needle, with which a nubia can be crocheted. This leaves but $1.55, which must be used for gloves.

Winter and Spring Wheat.

The distinction between winter and spring wheat is a difference in the time of sowing, and not in variety. Any spring wheat can be changed into winter, or winter into spring, merely by gradually changing the time in which either is sown. By gradually sowing spring wheat earlier every season, in a few years it can be sown in the fall, and become winter wheat. Or, just before the close of winter, sow winter wheat and let it germinate slightly, then let it freeze up till spring, and next year it can be successfully sown in the spring. And as it is universally conceded that winter is better than spring wheat, it is a natural conclusion that the sooner wheat can be safely sown in the spring the nearer will it attain to the quality of winter wheat. The difference beween red and white wheat is not in variety; but is owing chiefly to the variety of soil on which it is grown.

It is said that the hard wheats are all natives of warm climates, such as Italy, Sicily and Barbary. The soft wheats are from more northern climates, such as England, Russia, Belgium, Denmark and Sweden. There is, however, one exception in this general rule, as the celebrated Polish wheat is hard, and for this reason it has been contended that it was not a native of Poland, but was introduced there from a warmer climate. The English atmosphere is so humid that it is impossible to ripen any wheat hard, but in many cases it requires artificial heat to harden it before it can be ground into flour. Different soils and climates materially change the nature and variety of wheat.

We have seen a stick of wood weighing scarcely four ounces fall from a boy's arms, and striking on his toes, render him incapable of further action for hours afterward, while the same boy has slipped with a pair of skates, and striking on the back of his head with sufficient force to split that article open, has not only reached his feet unaided, but has given the boy who laughed at him one of the most astonishing whalings he ever received.

Not a poor gift—A gift to the poor.

The Middletown Transcript.

EDWARD REYNOLDS, Editor.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 24, 1874.

THE NEW YEAR.—It gives us much pleasure, in this our first issue of the new year, to present our kindest regards to all our friends and patrons, and extend to them our best wishes for their prosperity and happiness during the year upon which we have just entered. Doubtless the old year bore very hard upon some of us, and brought us many sad losses and bitter disappointments, but it is gone now and it is useless to spend our time in vain regrets and complaints about the past. That which is gone cannot be recovered; we can only endeavor, by increased effort, to make up in the new year what we failed to accomplish in the old. We will try to remember the good the old year brought us and bear it no ill will for our reverses.

What the new year has in store for us who can tell? Who can foresee what changes will be made during the next twelve months, or how or where the close of 1874 will find us? Some of us will, doubtless, have finished our course and ended the days of our life upon earth before the present year shall have passed and another shall have dawned upon us. This is but the common fate of humanity, and we will not waste our time in gloomy forebodings about our inevitable doom. Time is too short and life too busy to admit of spending any part of in idle complaints. We each and all have our work to do, and no one has a right to be a drone in the great hive of the world, or to expect others to support him. Let us therefore put forth more earnest efforts and see to it that the beginning of 1875 finds us nearer the accomplishment of our work, and nearer the attainment of the object of our ambition than this year did. "Look not mournfully into the past; it comes not back again; wisely improve the present, it is thine. Go forth to meet the future without fear and with a manly heart."

We tender to all our readers our hearty wishes for a "Happy New Year."

The Collapse of the Virginius.

The released prisoners of the illfated steamer Virginius, arrived at New York, last Monday, and having been examined have been set at liberty to go where they please. They tell a sad story of terrible suffering while in the hands of the Spaniards. They were, during their entire imprisonment kept in a state of constant fear for their lives, being made to believe by their jailers that they were to be shot. On the 18th of December when they were taken from prison to be put on board the U. S. Steamer Juniata, they were told that they were being led out to execution, and the priest administered the consolations of religion to them. When the prisoners reached the United States vessel and found that they were free the poor fellows were almost beside themselves with joy. All assert that they were totally ignorant of the destination of the Virginius or of the intentions of her officers.

The U. S Steamer Ossipee, which had been detailed to convoy the Virginius to New York arrived without that vessel on Monday, and announced that the ill-fated steamer had sunk. This puts an end to the vessel and, also, it is thought, to all international controversy in regard to what should be done with her.

This Virginius was rather a curious vessel. For two years and more she was employed in a traffic which kept the Spanish-Cubans in hot water and in a feverish desire to get a hold of her. At last their wishes were accomplished. She was caught and her crew dealt with in a most summary manner, and many of them shot. This created a furore of excitement among the people of the United States and war was talked of as the only possible means of avenging the insult offered by her capture to the American flag, &c., &c. The Government was in a terrible stew. They didn't know who owned the Virginius, nor what they ought to do about it. At last, however, it was decided that Spain must give her up to us. Spain didn't like to but did it. Scarcely, however, had the transfer been made before it was discovered that the Virginius was not entitled to carry the United States flag. Spain then demanded her back again and our great Statesmen were in trouble again. They didn't know what to do. Whether to back down and give her up, or to hold on to her and bide the issue, that was the question that agitated their bosoms, and so heavily did this great question of international law weigh upon their minds, that it is said the President forgot or neglected to talk about dogs and horses for two whole days, and could do nothing, but puff his segar in silence.

Just in the very nick of time the Virginius herself kindly comes to the rescue and conveniently "and of course accidentally," *sinks*.

Some of our readers will doubtless remember a similar 'accident' that happened to the steamer Florida when "the best Government the world ever saw" found they were obliged to yield her up to the demand of Brazil. She conveniently sank in Hampton Roads, and the trouble about her ended. Now the Virginius has endeavored to make the same experiment.

The convenience with which these vessels have been made to accidentally sink just at the proper time displays the superior wisdom and statesmanship of our Republican rulers, and how readily they can comprehend and settle international difficulties.

FOR GOVERNOR.—The names of several gentlemen have been suggested by the various friends of each in connection with the Democratic nomination for Governor, at the State election next fall. Most of these gentlemen are well qualified for the office, and would, doubtless, discharge its duties with eminent ability. Some of them, however, have declared their unwillingness to become candidates for the office, on various grounds.

While we have not a word of objection to raise against any of the gentlemen already mentioned, and will cordially and heartily give our support to any good and suitable man who shall receive the nomination of our party, regarding the unity of the party as of far more consequence than personal claims, yet, though we would not enhance the difficulty of a choice by a multiplicity of numbers, we take pleasure in recommending to our political friends a gentleman, not before mentioned, who we believe is most thoroughly qualified in every way to fill the office in a manner that would give the greatest satisfaction to the people and reflect honor and credit upon the State. Having proved, by his successful management of his own affairs, his ability to conduct the affairs of the public he commends himself to the people of the State as in every way worthy of their confidence, and we feel assured that the interests of the people of Delaware would be jealously guarded if entrusted to his care.

A life long Democrat he is thoroughly imbued with the true Jeffersonian principles upon which the government of the United States, and of all the States, are founded, and as Chief Executive he would administer the affairs of the State on those principles.

Though we make this suggestion at a venture and have not consulted the gentleman alluded to, we hope he will not refuse to allow his name to be used by the party to which he has so long been attached, but will yield his own personal inclinations and objections to the wishes of his party.

We nominate John P. Cochran, Esq, as the proper Democratic candidate for Governor in 1874.

Gen. Sickles, having in a huff about the Virginius matter tendered his resignation as Minister to Spain, was very disagreeably disappointed by Gen. Grant accepting his resignation. The appointment was then tendered to Caleb Cushing, Esq., who accepted. This selection of the President's receives the universal commendation of the people and press. Gen. Cushing is an able man, and will, doubtless, discharge the duties of his office in a much more manly and statesmanlike manner than the miserable apology of whom the Spaniards have been happily relieved.

Rev. George Villiger, S. J., will please accept our thanks for the kindly gift of a beautiful little book, entitled "Letters to a Protestant Friend." We have often heard these letters spoken of in high terms of commendation, and shall ever prize this "Christmas gift" as a valued token of kindly regard and esteemed friendship. May the blessings of a Happy New Year rest upon Father V.

Current Literature.

THE AMERICAN FARMER FOR JANUARY.—This standard journal, though old in years loses none of the brightness of youth, and comes to us this month in a new dress of freshness and beauty, as well as enlarged and otherwise improved.

The Farmer does not aim to be sensational, but solid and reliable. Its correspondents are prominently known in their several branches, and are numerous and able. Special attetion is paid to Live Stock, the Dairy and Fruit Growing, though no other branch of farm work is neglected, full space being given to Tobacco, Cotton and other staple crops of these latitudes. Besides the Poultry Yard, Apiary, &c., there is a Fireside Department for the ladies, with Useful and Domestic Receipts, Hygiene &c. &c.

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WOOD'S HOUSEHOLD MAGAZINE for January, contains a lavish supply of first rate articles. It is now in its fourteenth volume and every year has increased its popularity and added new friends to its large list of admirers. Though retaining its old name, it has not the slightest connection with its former proprietor, but has for many months been the exclusive property of Mr. S. E. Shutes, its present publisher. H. V. Osborne (Tenoroon) still continues as its editor, and is the *only* person employed in that capacity. The magazine is improving constantly, and is splendidly adopted to the members of the household.

Price of magazine one dollar per year—with chromo Yo-semite, one dollar and a half. Address, Wood's Household Magazine, Newburgh, N. Y.

When Congress meets next Monday Mr. Hale, of Maine, will introduce a bill in the House for the total repeal of the salary grab.

Local and State Affairs.

Odessa Items.

[From our Odessa Correspondent.]

"For every evil under the sun,
There is a remedy or there's none;
If there is one try and find it,
If there is none, never mind it."

Our usual quietude was broken on Christmas day by the brawlings of noisy negroes who had imbibed too much bad whiskey. They went howling and yelling through the streets like mad fiends let loose from torment. The "Oyster Bay" was thronged with riotous negroes who made loud demonstrations and threats against the townsmen, and causing, at length, a disturbance among themselves:—A man named Gibbs (colored) while endeavoring to get his son from among the "larkies" was set upon by them and so badly beaten that it was feared for a time that he was killed. He is now, however, much better, and it is hoped will soon be entirely well of his injuries. The parties have been arrested and committed, and we hope this will be the means of breaking up and putting an end to the loud yellings and loathsome profanities of these miserable creatures in our streets, which so annoy and disgust our quiet loving citizens.

Considerable excitement was created on Tuesday by a report of a three fold murder which was said to have occurred the day before, but after the most careful investigation, the facts were ascertained to be as follows:—Perry Miller a colored man living on the farm of Mr. Vandegrift, near Mc Donough, was called upon by some parties who after talking a short time suddenly shot at him and decamped. The ball missed Perry but took effect in the side of his son's head who was standing near. The assailants then ran through the house and fired another shot at Annie, Perry's wife, inflicting a severe wound. The scoundrels then made their escape, but certain negroes who are suspected of complicity in the affair have been arrested and will, doubtless, soon be brought to justice. The man who was injured is rapidly recovering but the woman, being more seriously hurt, is still in a dangerous condition.

The M. E. Sunday School are making preparations for their annual jubilee, which we trust will meet the expectations of all interested.

A wedding took place in town on Christmas creating a little ripple of excitement among our young folks. We wish more of them would go and do likewise.

Mr. Rose has erected a new stable in the rear of his dwelling which adds much to the appearance of his property. HEXIOON.

Christmas in Middletown.

Christmas day was more generally observed than usual as a holiday, in Middletown. Almost all kinds of labor were suspended and everybody seemed intent on having a good time. The Dry Goods and Grocery Stores, according to their usual custom, "kept one eye open" during the morning, but in the afternoon they were closed hard and tight. The confectionary stores, and Dunning's Variety Store were open all day and did a good business. The two Hotels had the usual bowls of egg-nog and apple-toddy but no one (except some negroes) as far as we know got drunk, or even tight.

Divine service was celebrated in the Episcopal and Methodist Churches. The annual family gatherings were had at the houses of the Paterfamilias, &c., &c.

The negroes seemed to regard the day as peculiarly their own. From early in the morning till late in the evening they were collected in large droves on the street corners, boxing, dancing, swearing, shooting fire-crackers, loading and firing off an old anvil, or something else, we neither know nor care what, and doing various other *intelligent* things to amuse themselves and manifest their claim to social and intellectual equality with the whites. Verily the soldiers of the "Grand Army" who fought, bled and suffered for the preservation of the Union, ought to rejoice at, and feel proud of the magnificent result of their victory over the South in giving freedom and suffrage to such worthy, highly intelligent and appreciative creatures as these.

Why the negroes are allowed to collect in crowds night after night and day after day blocking up the street and, by their profanity and obscenity, disturb and disgust every respectable person within sight or hearing of them is a mystery which we cannot comprehend. On more than one occasion two gentlemen and in one instance some gentlemen and ladies who had stopped on the corner for a few moments, talking together, were told that they were violating a town ordinance by "gathering upon the corner." Yet a drove of negroes nightly collects upon and blocks up one of the street corners and the town policeman is not permitted, or doesn't want to interfere with them. As Sumner's bill is not yet passed, the election a long way off, and these negroes not in Washington we can see no reason for this indulgence.

The Amateur Entertainment at Chesapeake City.

The entertainment given by the Amateur Minstrel Troupe of this town at Chesapeake City, on Christmas night was a grand success. The Hall was crowded to its utmost capacity in about twenty minutes, and over one hundred persons were not admitted. The seats were filled and all the standing room that could possibly be provided was eagerly taken up. Some persons who arrived late offered $1 for admission to the entertainment, but at that time the crowd was so great and immovable that the door could not be opened. This is an instance of the popularity of the superior performances of the Minstrels, and has induced them to perform at other towns soon. The Town Hall Directors at Chesapeake City, as soon as the programme was gone through with, made an urgent request for them to favor Chesapeake with another entertainment as soon as convenient to the Troupe. On the arrival of the Minstrels on Christmas day they took supper at the "Bayard House," now occupied by Capt. F. Layman, where a splendid supper was served by our host to about 50 persons, from Middletown and vicinity, including the Minstrels. This was an enjoyable occasion, and all acquiesced in the statement that Capt. Layman knew how to keep a hotel, which is something Chesapeake has wanted for years, and we are glad to say that Capt. Layman has the honor of being the proprietor. L.

A House Ransacked.

The dwelling of Mr. Thomas B. Smith, of New Castle, Del., was ransacked on Thursday of last week. The particulars are as follows: About three o'clock in the afternoon Mrs. Smith went across the street to a neighbor's, with the intention of returning immediately, and, consequently, left the front door unlocked, and forgetting that she had so, staid some twenty minutes or half an hour. When she returned, she was very much surprised to find clothes and other articles lying on the floor, and thinking it strange, proceeded up stairs, and found it in the same condition also. Bureau drawers were on the floor, clothes with the pockets turned inside-out, and closets open. It is generally believed that the object of the perpetrator was nothing more than money, as the pockets of all the clothes were turned, but there was nothing missing to their knowledge. F.

Arrest and Escape.

On Wednesday morning constable Rhodes captured Isaac Hopkins the negro who shot Annie Miller near Delaware City last week, and took him to Odessa, for a hearing before Esq. Ridgeway, prior to committing him to New Castle jail.

While Mr. Rhodes was taking Hopkins into the house he suddenly broke away from the officer and ran. Mr. Rhodes fired two shots at him from his revolver, but, though he was hand cuffed, the negro succeeded in making his escape. From blood found in his track it is evident that Hopkins was struck by Mr. Rhodes' shot.

Death of Jesse Sharp.

Gen. Jesse Sharp a prominent and well known citizen of Wilmington, died in that city on Monday last in the 64th year of his age. Gen. Sharp's name was freely and freequently mentioned in connection with the nomination of the Democratic party for Governor at the election next fall. He was a gentleman of great public spirit and a man of strongly marked intelligence. In his death the State loses a valuable citizen.

Christmas Presents.

Mr. L. V. Aspril, of Odessa, on Wednesday morning the "day before Christmas," presented to the President and each of the Directors of the New Castle County National Bank of Odessa a patent *wheel greaser*.

These were doubtless very acceptable and *appropriate* presents. We reckon Bank wheels need a little *greasing* occasionally.

Minor Topics.

New Castle had an unusually noisy Christmas.

Worden & Evans launched a 500 ton schooner at Smyrna Landing on the 18th ult.

An extensive revival has been in progress among the Methodists in Smyrna and 85 persons have united with the church.

The annual meeting of the Bombay Hook R. R. Company will be held at Smyrna on the 14th inst.

The *Commercial* is out in a bran new dress and looks neat and clean and much improved in appearance.

There is said to be more drunkenness in Seaford and Laurel now than for many years past. The obvious effect of Maine law-ism.

The shoe manufactory of P. McCullough & Co. of Wilmington, which suspended during the panic, has resumed operations again.

A young Philadelphian named Sesley tumbled into the Delaware at New Castle on Christmas day and came near being drowned.

B. S. Jones, an employee in the Umbrella factory at New Castle, was found dead in his yard at his residence last Friday morning week

At the regular meeting of the Middletown Building and Loan Association on Thursday night funds sold at a premium of 12½ per cent.

The sporting fraternity of Delaware City use crows in their "pigeon shooting" matches. They catch the crows at night, on Reedy Island, with gill nets, the same they use for fishing.

The congregation of Olivet Presbyterian church of Wilmington, gave the Rev. Mr Snyder, their pastor, a donation party on Christmas morning, and presented him with a cane and a well-filled purse.

The *Times* says Smyrna Library will soon receive a new invoice of books. Mr. J. C. Stockley, the president, has ordered over $200 worth, which will be placed upon the shelves in a short time.

Mr. Wm. A. Hukill, Deputy Collector of Custom's of Wilmington, under Collector Prettyman, has resigned his position, and returned to Odessa, where he will resume the auctioneering business.

The Sunday School of the M. E. Church at Townsend had a Christmas Tree entertainment on Christmas night. Among the presents was a pretty bed spread for Mrs. Prettyman, the pastor's wife.

Some scoundrels stole from the premises of Miss Hannah Moore, of New Castle hundred, a few nights before Christmas, nineteen turkeys, and a lot of ducks and chickens, making a loss of $50 or $60.

Edward M. Hastings, proprietor of the Hare's Corner hotel, decamped on Sunday night last, bag and baggage, to the infinite disgust of certain creditors. This hotel belongs to the New Castle Commons Lands.

On Christmas day Dr. Chas. H. Richards, of Georgetown, went to the Sussex county almshouse and treated the inmates to confections, nuts, cakes, fruit, etc. For many years Dr. Richards has observed this rule.

Rev. Thomas J. Aiken, of Reesville, Chester co. Pa., was dismissed from the Presbytery of Chester, last Tuesday, to the New Castle Presbytery, in order that he may accept a unanimous call to the church at Port Deposit, Md.

The contract for building the Frankford & Breakwater R. R. has been awarded to Amos Smith & Co. of Pottsville, Pa., for $270,000, who are also the contractors for building the railroad from Newtown, Md. to Cherrystone.

The congregation of Rev. J. M. P. Otts, of the West Presbyterian church of Wilmington, treated him to a surprise party in the way of a "tin wedding" last Wednesday evening and presented him with over a hundred pieces of tin-ware.

A negro brass band from Wilmington went down to Smyrna to give a concert on the night before Christmas, but their colored brethren didn't give them much encouragement as they thought they only came there "to show themselves off."

The Wilmington papers differ in their versions of how Christmas was spent in "the city." The *Gazette* says there was a great deal of noise, brawling and drunkenness. The *Commercial* says they had a merry, but quiet Christmas Which is right?

The birth-days of both Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder of the Olivet Presbyterian church of Wilmington, come on Christmas day, and as a token of their appreciation of the coincidence the congregation of that church presented them with a purse of money.

On Saturday last the congregations of the Union and Townsend M. E. Churches, Appoquinimink Circuit, made a donation visit to their Pastor, Rev. C. W. Prettyman, at Townsend, and gave him an ample supply of most substantial articles.

At the meeting of Good Samaritan Lodge No. 9 I. O. O. F. of Middletown, on Thursday night, the following officers were elected to serve the ensuing term:—James C. Townsend, Noble Grand; John D. Carter, Vice Grand; R. H. Foster, Treasurer; Cyrus Tatman, Rec. Secretary; Chas. Tatman, Jr., Permanent Secretary.

Dr. J. V. Crawford has resigned the presidency of the Citizens' National Bank. His resignation took effect last Wednesday and the bank is now without a president. At the Directors meeting on Tuesday next we presume a president will be chosen to serve until the next election for directors which takes place on the 13th inst.

Some of the friends and admirers of Chas. B. Lore, Esq., are pressing him forward as their choice for Governor. Mr. Lore would make as excellent a governor as he has made an Attorney General, and that is saying enough. We could endorse his nomination most heartily. Mr. Lore, however, declines to be a candidate.

Rev. Dr Morsell preached his last sermon as rector of St. Peter's P. E. Church, in Smyrna, last Sunday. His sermon, says the *Times*, was a most able and exhaustive discourse on "sound doctrine" It was mainly on the issue between the High and Low church parties, Dr. M taking sides with the Low church and condemning the High. Dr. M. goes to Lanesborough, Mass.

Exchange of Real Estate.

G. W. Ingram, Real Estate Agent, reports that he has just concluded an exchange for T. S. Merritt, Esq., of his valuable farm "Eldorado," near Salem Church, Appoquinimink Hundred, with Rev. Mr. Reed, of the P. E. Church of Camden, N. J., for property in that city. What difference Mr. Reed gave is not known, as the terms are private.

Maryland Affairs.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.—It is understood that quite a sharp contest is going on among the democratic members of the Legislature and other politicians in regard to the speakership of the House of Delegates, notwithstanding the Legislature does not meet till Wednesday next. The candidates put forward by the antagonizing elements are Mr. Henkle, of Anne Arundel, and Mr. Hines, of Kent, the former being a reputed supporter of the Hon. Wm. T. Hamilton, the present incumbent, for United States Senator, and the latter an advocate of Hon. Pinkney Whyte for the position. Generally, the matter of the speakership does not become much a matter of consideration till a day or two before the meeting of the Legislature, but the question of election of Senator probably precipitates it on this occasion. Very considerable strength is claimed for Mr. Hamilton, and with that claimed for Mr. Whyte on the other side, it may be that another candidate may be run in between them.

STABBING AFFRAY IN CECIL COUNTY.—At the hotel of Mr. David Craig, near Rowlandville, Cecil County, a stabbing affray occurred between two brothers, Edward and William Fitzgibbons, both of Port Deposit, on the evening of the 23d inst. Edward had wandered off in a state of insanity, and whilst persuading him to return he drew a knife and stabbed William twice in the region of the heart before he could be disarmed, inflicting serious, but not fatal wounds.

A young man named Noah Clough and a colored man got into a quarrel at Roberts' mill, Queen Anne's county, on Wednesday of last week, and after angry words had passed between them Clough struck the colored man on the head with a bar of iron, from the effects of which he died the next day. Clough, it is said, has left for parts unknown.

Letter from New Castle.

EXHIBITION OF TABLEAUX, CHAANDES, &c.

Dear Transcript:—If I was called upon to say which of God's creations I admire and esteem the most, the answer would be prompt, unequivocal and concise—woman; for is not a pretty woman the most beautiful being in the world? and is it questionable that a good woman is the best of creatures? Is there a man so stolid as not to know that, in all the relations of life, whether as friend, sister, daughter, mother or wife, the moral and intellectual virtues of woman shine conspicuously, and, that, in every scene she moves with a power to charm which the rudest and wildest hearts have ever bowed to? Indeed, what would society become without her softening and everlasting influence? for truly she is its soul and life, and without her all the delightful and enchanting endearments of home and family would be banished from our earth.

But while this moderate praise applies to the sex in general, as we see them in the usual vocations of their circumscribed, domestic field of operations, it is when her natural bashfulness is held in abeyance and her affectionate heart, taking a wider and more comprehensive sweep, and ranging beyond the limits of her home circle, sees and pities the poor and distressed among her neighbors, and moulds and shapes her abounding charity into deeds of benevolence, that she becomes an object of adoration, almost. Then,

"Greatness of mind and nobleness their seat
Build in her loveliest, and create an awe
About her, as a guard angelic placed."

Who can doubt but that she is then inspired by the Spirit of our blessed Master? Is she not when "giving to the poor" doing her Master's will? To the destitute and suffering a benevolent woman is transformed into an "angel of mercy"—for as Leigh Hunt has prettily expressed it, "A beautiful woman, coming to us on an errand of joy and peace, is literally, as well as metaphorically, an angel."

Unfortunately, in New Castle or elsewhere over the surface of God's beautiful earth, there are some who are dependent, to a certain extent, upon the charity of neighbors. Pauperism, in its broadest signification, does not, it is true, afflict this community; but there are those, nevertheless, who need assistance, and nowhere are such demands upon the benevolent more promptly and generously, but less estentatiously, met and satisfied, than in this town.

The causes which have operated so generously throughout our country, to multiply the numbers and aggregate the suffering of the poor, have had their effect here, and, in consequence, extraordinary exertions were necessary to meet the contingency. As abundant in resources and quick in conception, as they are noble in impulse and brave in deeds, no sooner were the increased difficulties of the situation presented to the minds of the ladies, than plans for overcoming them were divined and executed. About three weeks ago, the idea of raising a charity fund by giving a pleasing entertainment, for which an admission fee should be charged, was suggested. It seemed to have been an inspiration, for almost simultaneously, it occurred to some three or four of our most energetic and benevolent ladies. They communicated it to others, by whom it was approved; several efficient gentlemen, willing subjects of gracious soverigns, were drafted into service; the court-room was converted, as by magic, into a beautiful little theatre, with stage, drop curtain, &c. Notices were published, and on Monday evening, the 22nd inst, a thoroughly refined and cultivated audience, limited in number only by the capacity of the room, was thrilled with delight by as chaste and beautiful an exhibition as has ever been given in this State.

The entertainment consisted of charades, tableaux and *our* inimitable Mrs. Jarley, with her wax works, in every part of which, ripe judgment and perfect taste were so harmoniously blended, as to produce the most delightful effect. It was quite apparent that the men managers of the exhibition had not only studied closely, but had made great proficiency in the science of Esthetics.

There were four tableaux, as follows: "The Old Woman," who, with her numerous progeny, "lived in her shoe;" the "Statue Scene" in Winter Tales; Lalla Rookh surrounded by her beautiful attendants, and horrid old "Blue Beard" and his lovely wives, five of whom he had, like the good christian husband he was, laid up as his "Treasures in Heaven." The Charades were Croquet, Testimony and Antecedents. The groupings in the several tableaux were highly artistic, and as the ladies who formed the pictures are beautiful, which fact was rendered more conspicuous, by contrast with some homely specimens of the opposite sex, the effect was pleasing in the superlative degree.

The manner in which the charades were presented, was truly surprising. A picture formed in chief part of pretty ladies must be attractive, but God gave them beauty and they can't help it, you know; but that ladies and gentlemen, without long training, indeed with but few rehearsals, upon the spur of the moment as it were, should so thoroughly well personate the characters they temporarily assumed, is simply wonderful. It was an achievement which pleased their friends and of which they may very justly feel proud.—Mrs. Jarly, with her wax works, was a very important part of the exhibition, and provoked a great deal of mirth and laughter. Indeed, Mr. Editor, I must repeat that the entertainment in its details and in the aggregate, was a complete success. Pure in its conception, holy in the charitable motives which prompted its managers, and business like in the energy and skill with which it was conducted, the exhibition wrung plaudits from a fastidious assembly, and by its substantial results has furnished material for affording relief to the destituto.

The exhibition was repeated on the next (Tuesday) night, and, considering the facts that no printed notice was given and the night was stormy, was very flatteringly patronized. The Orpheus String Band, composed of young gentlemen of New Castle, very generously contributed their delightful music both evenings. There is a rumor that similar exhibitions will be repeated from time to time throughout the Winter, and I sincerely hope there is foundation for it. Such entertainments not only afford pleasing and proper diversion for spectators, but promote good feeling and sociability in the community.

The Almighty has endowed us with faculties for enjoying, as well as with organs for laboring, and a good hearty laugh every day drives dull care away, improves digestion prevents sickness and saves doctor's bills, and as I am an enemy to "doctors' stuff," I recommend the laughter, in its season. N'IMPORTE.

THE MARKETS.

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY E. T. EVANS.

Wheat, new	$1 65
Corn old Yellow,	70 cts.
" new "	55 cts.
" new White	67 "
" old "	70 cts.
Oats	45 "
Timothy Seed	4 50
Clover "	7 00
Beans	1 25

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. M. REYNOLDS.

Eggs	25 cts. ₱ doz.
Butter	25@30 cts. ₱ lb.
Lard	9@10 " "
Dressed Pork	5@6 " "
Potatoes,	50@75 ₱ bus.
Chickens, dressed	10@12 ₱ lb.
Turkeys, dressed	12@13 "
Geese, "	8@9 "
Ducks, "	10@12 "

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS.

Prime red wheat	$1.68@1 70
Corn, yellow	77@80
Oats (Pennsylvania)	58
Cloverseed	$6 50
Timothy	3 00

BALTIMORE MARKETS.

Wheat, good to amber	$1 85@1 88
Corn, white	68@76
Corn, yellow	76@78
Oats, Southern	51@55
Rye	90@98

Business Locals.

S. M. Reynolds has received a new assortment of Tea Sets, Meat Dishe, covered and uncovered Vegetable Dishes, Dinner, Tea and Breakfast Plates, Celery Glasses, Goblets, Tumblers, &c., for the approaching Holidays. Call and examine them.

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Delmar		12 00	Philadelphia		8 30	5 15
Laurel		12 15	Baltimore		7 25	2 55
Seaford	6 30	12 34	Wilmington		10 10	6 35
Bridgeville	6 48	12 52	New Castle		10 30	6 56
Greenwood	6 58	1 03	State Road		10 35	7 00
Farmington	7 08	1 15	Bear,		10 45	7 08
Harrington	7 25	1 30	Rodney		10 50	7 12
Felton	7 36	1 46	Kirkwood		10 57	7 20
Canterbury	7 41	1 53	Mt. Pleasant		11 07	7 31
Woodside	7 49	2 00	Middletown		11 25	7 51
Wyoming	7 56	2 09	Townsend		11 34	8 07
Dover	8 03	2 20	Blackbird		11 39	8 06
Moorton	8 14	2 31	Green Spring		11 48	8 11
Brenford	8 21	2 39	Clayton		11 55	8 27
Smyrna	8 05	2 30	Smyrna, arrive		12 10	8 37
Clayton	8 29	2 49	Brenford		12 01	8 24
Green Spring	8 34	2 55	Moorton		12 09	8 31
Blackbird	8 43	3 05	Dover		12 24	8 46
Townsend	8 51	3 14	Wyoming		12 32	8 54
Middletown	9 09	3 33	Woodside		12 40	9 02
Mt. Pleasant	9 19	3 43	Canterbury		12 45	9 07
Kirkwood	9 29	3 54	Felton		12 50	9 13
Rodney	9 33	3 59	Harrington		1 07	9 29
Bear	9 41	4 06	Farmington		1 15	9 38
State Road	9 45	4 10	Greenwood		1 26	9 49
N. Castle	9 55	4 20	Bridgeville		1 37	10 00
ARRIVE.			Seaford		1 18	10 18
Wilmington	10 15	3 55	Laurel		2 12	
Philada.	11 45	5 25	Delmar		2 25	
	P. M.					
Baltimore	1 05	8 10				

MIXED TRAIN,—Northward, will leave Delmar at 2 45 P. M.; Laurel 3.12; Seaford, 3.43: Bridgeville, 4.20; Greenwood, 4.40; Farmington 4.55; Harrington, 5.20; Dover, 6.34; Clayton, 7.21; Middletown, 8.20. Arrive at Wilmington, 9.55; Philadelphia, 11.30; Baltimore, 3.50, P. M.

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ELECTION NOTICE.

CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK, Middletown, Del., Dec. 4th, 1873.

The annual election for Nine Directors to serve the ensuing year, will be held in the Bankine House on Tuesday, January 13th, between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock, a. m. J R. HALL,

Dec. 4—2w. Cashier.

ELECTION NOTICE.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY NAT'L BANK OF ODESSA, December 4th, 1873.

The Stockholders' Election for Nine Directors to serve for one year will be held in the Banking House, on Wednesday, January 7, 1874, between the hours of 12 o'clock m. and 2 p. m.

Dec 6—3t. J. L. GIBSON, Cashier.

Wilmington Advertisements.

The Special Announcement below refers to both our Carpet and Dry Goods Stores. G. WORRELL.

Dry Goods—820 & 822 MARKET ST.,

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(OLD STAND.)

Special Announcement.

The late financial panic, having materially "reduced values" in all classes of merchandise, enabled our house to

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cheaper lines than we have for years. As our settled policy has always been to "Protect our Customers," we ask the Closest Comparison of our Stocks and prices with any or all others. Our goods are suited to all classes, and to those in want we say

BUY NOW.

OCTOBER 30TH, 1873.

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Manufacturer of FINE READY-MADE CLOTHING

FOR MEN AND BOYS.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF

FALL AND WINTER CLOTHING,

ON HAND, MADE UP IN THE LATEST STYLE AND BEST MANNER. ALSO, A GREAT VARIETY OF

PIECE GOODS, for Order Work.

Apr 22—1y 228 MARKET ST. Wilmington, Del.

Register's Orders.

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REGISTER'S OFFICE,

New Castle County, Oct. 10th, 1873.

Upon the application of William W. Thomas, administrator of John Thomas, late of Appoquinimink Hundred in said County, deceased; it is ordered and directed by the Register that the Administrator aforesaid, give notice of the granting of Letters of Administration upon the Estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the Estate to present the same, or abide by an Act of Assembly in such case made and provided. And also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, and to be continued therein two months.

Given under the hand and Seal of Office of the Register aforesaid, at New Castle, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

B. GIBBS, Register.

NOTICE.

All persons having claims against the Estate of the deceased must present the same duly attested to the Administrator on or before October 10th, 1874, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided. WM. W. THOMAS,

ADDRESS—North East, Md. *Administrator.*

Oct 18—2mos

Register's Order.

REGISTER'S OFFICE,

New Castle County, November 21st, 1873.

Upon the application of Edward W. Lockwood, Executor of Alexander A. Laws, deceased; it is ordered and directed by the Register that the Executor aforesaid, give notice of the granting of Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted, within forty days from the date of such Letters, in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle requiring all persons having demands against the Estate, to present the same, or abide by an Act of Assembly in such case made and provided. And also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT a newspaper published in Middletown and to be continued therein two months.

L. S. Given under the hand and Seal of Office of the Register aforesaid, at New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written. B. GIBBS, Register.

NOTICE.—All persons having claims against the Estate of the deceased must present the same duly attested to the Executor on or before November 21st, 1874, or abide an Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

E. W. LOCKWOOD, Executor.

Nov 29—2m. ADDRESS—Middletown, Del.

AKERMAN & MALMSTEN,

GENERAL

Upholstery and Fine Furniture.

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No. 211 SHIPLEY Street,

(IN D. H. KENT'S NEW BUILDING,)

Wilmington, Delaware.

Making up and laying of carpets, matting and oil cloth; spring and hair mattresses; furniture covered and repaired; lambrequins, draparies and window decorations, and all belonging to the business attended to.

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To the Public.

THE undersigned respectfully informs the citizens of Middletown and vicinity that he is prepared with excellent Horses, Wagons and Carts to do all kinds of hauling at moderate rates. Proprietors of hotels and housekeepers will find it to their advantage to give him a call. Coal and lumber hauled at shortest notice Orders for baggage or other parcels, left at the Post Office, will receive prompt attention.

N. B.—75 Loads of good building Sand for sale.

Jan. 4—1y. WM. W. WILSON.

MIDDLETOWN IRON FOUNDRY

AND

MACHINE SHOP.

PLOWS and Plow Castings, Machine Castings of all kinds on hand or made to order

Particular attention given to Repairing Machinery. Cash for old Iron.

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Jan 4-tf Founders and Machinists.

The only Reliable Gift Distribution in the country

$75,000,00

IN VALUABLE GIFTS!!

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165th *REGULAR MONTHLY*

GIFT ENTERPRISE,

To be drawn Monday, Feb. 24th, 1874.

TWO GRAND CAPITALS OF

$5,000 each in Greenbacks.

Two Prizes $1,000
Five Prizes $500
Ten Prizes $100 } EACH IN Greenbacks!

1 Horse & Buggy, with silver-mounted Harness, worth $600. 1 fine-toned rosewood Piano, worth $550. 10 Family Sewing Machines, worth $100 each. 5 gold Watches and Chains, worth $300 each. 5 gold American Hunting Watches, worth $125 each. 10 Ladies' Gold Watches, $100 each. 1000 Gold and Silver Lever Hunting Watches (in all,) worth from $28 to $300 each; Coin Silver Vest Chains, Double-plated Silver-ware, Jewelry, &c. &c.

Number Gifts, 7,500 Tickets Limited to 75,000.

☞ Agents Wanted to sell Tickets, to whom Liberal Premiums will be paid. Single Tickets $1.00; Six Tickets $5.00; Twelve Tickets $10; Twenty-five Tickets $20.00.

Circulars containing a full list of prizes, a description of the manner of drawing, and other information in reference to the Distribution, will be sent to any one ordering them. All letters must be addressed to

MAIN OFFICE, L. D. SINE, Box 86,
161 W. FIFTH St. CINCINNATI, O.

Nov. 22—1y.

FURNITURE.

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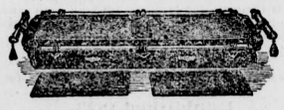
UPHOLSTERING.



The undersigned respectfully announces to the citizens of Middletown and vicinity that he has on hand a large and well selected stock of handsome and durable

Walnut and Other Furniture,

which he will sell very cheap for cash. Buying at wholesale cash rates he feels assured that he can sell as low as the same goods can be bought elsewhere. By buying of him purchasers will be saved the freight on their goods from the city. He is also prepared to attend to

Undertaking Work

at short notice, and in a manner excelled by none. Persons wishing Metallic or Wooden Caskets or Cases will find it to their advantage to call on him. He has, also,

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Celebrated Corpse Preserver.

The Corpse may be dressed in the finest fabrics and not be soiled, (and can be seen at all times) as nothing but dry cold air enters the Casket.

GEORGE W. WILSON,

Practical Cabinet Maker and Undertaker,

Feb1—12m Middletown Del.

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Domestic Sewing Machine Company,

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THE GREAT REMEDY FOR

CONSUMPTION

which can be cured by a timely resort to this standard preparation, as has been proved by the hundreds of testimonials received by the proprietors. It is acknowledged by many prominent physicians to be the most reliable preparation ever introduced for the relief and cure of all Lung complaints, and is offered to the public, sanctioned by the experience of over forty years. When resorted to in season it seldom fails to effect a speedy cure in the most severe cases of Coughs, Bronchitis, Croup, Whooping Cough, Influenza, Asthma, Colds, Sore Throat, Pains or Soreness in the Chest and Side, Liver Complaint, Bleeding at the Lungs, &c. Wistar's Balsam does not dry up a Cough, and leave the cause behind, as is the case with most preparations, but it loosens and cleanses the lungs, and allays irritation, thus removing the cause of the complaint.

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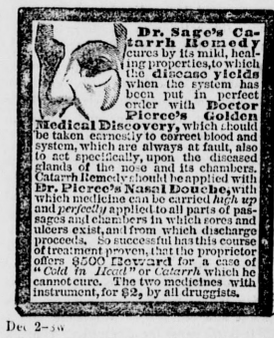
And sold by Druggists and Dealers generally.

Feb 8—1y



Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy cures by its mild, healing properties, to which the disease yields when the system has been put in perfect order with **Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery,** which should be taken earnestly to correct blood and system, which are always at fault, also to act specifically, upon the diseased glands of the nose and its chambers. Catarrh Remedy should be applied with **Dr. Pierce's Nasal Douche,** with which medicine can be carried *high up* and *perfectly* applied to all parts of passages and chambers in which sores and ulcers exist, and from which discharge proceeds. So successful has this course of treatment proven, that the proprietor offers $500 Reward for a case of "*Cold in Head*" or *Catarrh* which he cannot cure. The two medicines with instrument, for $2, by all druggists.

Dec 2—3m

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DR. J. P. FITLER.—Being sworn, says, I graduated at the University of Penn'a in 1.33, and after 20 years' experience, perfected **Dr. Fitler's Vegetable Rheumatic Syrup.** I guarantee it an infallible cure for Nerve, Kidney and Rheumatic diseases. Sworn to, this 26th April, 1871.

F. A. GOSHORN, *Notary Public, Phila.*

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Dec 3—4w

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